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SUBJ: LETTER FROM SECRETARY ON KHMER REPRESENTATION

REFS: (A) STATE 254489

(B) KATHMANDU 4722

1. MFA JOINT SECRETARY BHATT CALLED IN CHARGE NOVEMBER 25 TO RECEIVE RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO KING BIRENDRA. BHATT SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PALACE SECRETARIAT (JOINT PRESS SECRETARY CHIRAN THAPA) TO INFORM USG OF KING'S DECISION TO MAINTAIN GON'S SUPPORT FOR PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION AT CURRENT UNGA. WHILE GON RECOGNIZED US CONCERNS ON CAMBODIAN ISSUE, GON FELT IT COULDN'T ISOLATE ITSELF FROM THE NONALIGNED GROUP WHICH HAD TAKEN A DECISION TO SUPPORT ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. BHATT NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT GON POSITION DATED FROM ALGIERS NONALIGNED SUMMIT WHEN SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ADMITTED AS FULL MEMBER OF NONALIGNED CONFERENCE. GON, HE SAID, HAD GIVEN A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK AND COULD NOT GO BACK ON IT. BHATT STRESSED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS THE KING'S HOPE THAT THE GON'S DECISION WOULD NOT AFFECT THE CURRENT EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT USG WOULD ACCEPT THAT THIS ISSUE WAS ONE ON WHICH THERE WERE GENUINE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

3. BHATT INDICATED THAT NEPALESE AMBASSADOR KHANAL

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WOULD ALSO BE INSTRUCTED TO EXPLAIN GON'S POSITION TO

SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.HE ALSO EXPECTED
THERE WOULD BE A FORMAL, WRITTEN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S
LETTER. QUANTON

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